



Career and Technical Education (CTE) Equipment Funding 2017-18 School Year

The FY18 budget proposed by Governor Haslam, and approved by the General Assembly, provides \$15 million to help schools acquire equipment for their CTE programs. The department will award non-competitive grants to districts with priority given to applications focused on Tennessee's fastest growing career sectors—advanced manufacturing, health science, and information technology—so that students have up-to-date equipment that mirrors equipment found in business and industry. All eligible LEAs must submit a [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) by **5 p.m. (CST) on June 12, 2017**. LEAs who fail to submit a [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) by the stated deadline will not be able to submit a grant application. The application for CTE equipment funding will **open on June 16 and close on July 7**. *Grant Decision Letters* will be sent to applicants notifying them of their approved funding no later than **July 21** to allow LEAs to begin purchasing their equipment.

Required Deadlines

1. **June 12:** deadline for [Notice of Intent to Apply](#)
2. **June 16:** application available
3. **July 7:** deadline for submission of applications
4. **July 21:** *Grant Decision Letters* released

Funding Opportunity Description

Grant Award Information

Type of Award: Non-competitive

Amount of Available Funds: \$15,000,000 (non-recurring)

- The anticipated grant award is estimated to be \$125,000 per LEA, although applications may contain a request for a higher amount. Any funds not awarded or expended will be made available through a subsequent application process.

Project Period: A total of twelve months from July 21, 2017 until June 30, 2018; all funds must be obligated by April 1, 2018 and liquidated (with reimbursements requested) by June 30, 2018.

Eligible Applicants

- LEAs who offer or are planning to offer CTE programs of study in advanced manufacturing, health science and/or information technology in the 2017-18 school year.

Conditions

- Applicant submits [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) by June 12, 2017.
- Receipt of application for funds by July 7, 2017.
- Applicant provides adequate evidence of alignment of equipment request and need in the submitted application.

Funds to be Released

All grant funding will be by reimbursement based on invoices submitted by the fiscal agent. One hundred percent of the funding is available for reimbursement at the start of the grant period.

Accountability Requirements

Applicants awarded an equipment grant will be required to complete the following to remain in good standing:

- Completed reimbursement forms and supporting accounting documentation for each reimbursement request.

Questions

Questions about the application process may be directed to Heather.Justice@tn.gov, or (615) 532-2830.